

REMARKS

Claims 12-14, 22 and 71 are pending. In this Response, claims 12 and 22 have been amended, and claims 5-11, 15, 16, 20, 21, 29-40, 48-50, 54-61, 63, 64 and 66-70 have been cancelled.

I. CLAIMS

Claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner indicated claim 12 would be allowable if so rewritten. Therefore, claim 12 is allowable. Claims 13 and 14 depend from claim 12.

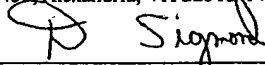
Claim 22 has been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner indicated claim 22 would be allowable if so rewritten. Therefore, claim 22 is allowable.

Claim 71 is allowed.

II. CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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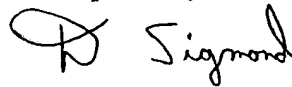


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